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PETITION REQUESTING GRANT OF FILING DATE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application dated October 7, 2003, Applicants hereby petition that the above identified patent application be accorded a filing date of July 10, 2003, the date on which the present application and all corresponding documents and papers, including four sheets of formal drawings, were delivered to and deposited with the Customer Service Window, Office of Initial Patent Examination, Crystal Plaza Building 2, Room 1B03, 2011 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contrary to the Office's position that the application was deposited without drawings, Applicants assert that four sheets of drawings (including FIGs. 1A-1C, 2, 3A-3C and 4A-4B) were deposited with the application. Applicants submit herewith copies of the four sheets of as-filed drawings, along with copies of the date stamped hand delivery filing receipt and the itemized return receipt postcard, both of which prove that the four sheets of drawings were in fact filed with the application.

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In view of the above remarks and the attached papers, Applicants respectfully request that the present PETITION be granted, and that the application be accorded the above indicated filing date.

A check for the requisite fee of \$130 is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). Although no additional fees are believed to be due, authorization is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged for a patent application in the name of **SAKAI** and entitled **CAPACITIVE DYNAMIC QUANTITY SENSOR** (Attorney docket no. **01-446**), including the following:

- transmittal form (2 copies);
- fee calculation form (2 copies);
- 19 page specification including 6 numbered claims;
- 4 sheets of formal drawings;
- executed declaration/power of attorney;
- executed assignment with recordation cover sheet (2 pages total);
- IDS with PTO-1449 form and 4 cited references;
- a certified copy of 1 Japanese Priority Document (JP 2002-230354);
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- a check for \$790.

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